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PATENT APPLICATION

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IN THE
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Inventor(s): Mark L. Iske, et al.

Serial No.: 10/616,968

Examiner: --

Filing Date: August 22, 2003

Group Art Unit: 3732

Title: Spring-actuated, retractable-bladed surgical scalpel

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR RESPONSE/AMENDMENT

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is/are the following in the above-identified application:

- () Response/Amendment () Petition to extend time to respond
() New fee as calculated below () Supplemental Declaration
() No additional fee (Address enveloped to "Box Non-Fee Amendments")
(X) Other: PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL BECAUSE OF APPLICANT'S AGE

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TOTAL CLAIMS		MINUS		=	X \$9	\$
INDEP. CLAIMS		MINUS		=	X \$43	\$
[] FIRST PRESENTATION OF A MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM				+ \$145		\$
EXTENSION FEE	1ST MONTH \$55	2ND MONTH \$210	3RD MONTH \$475	4TH MONTH \$740	\$	
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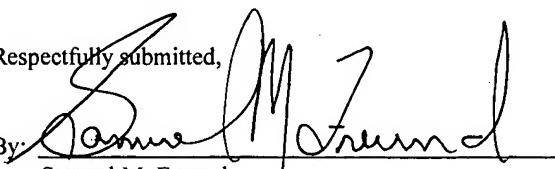
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Respectfully submitted,

By: 

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In re application of: Mark L. Iske, et al. Group No. 3732

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ATTENTION: Group Director, Group _____ (M.P.E.P. § 1002.02(c))

**PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL BECAUSE OF APPLICANT'S AGE
(37 C.F.R. § 1.102(c) AND M.P.E.P. § 708.02 IV)**

NOTE: See M.P.E.P. § 708.02, 7th ed.

Applicant hereby petitions to make this application special because applicant is over 65 years of age.

As a showing of this fact, accompanying this petitioner is:

- applicant's birth certificate
 a declaration by the applicant that he/she is over 65 years of age.

No fee is required with this petition, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(c).

Dated this 12 day of May, 2004.

Respectfully submitted,

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DECLARATION OF CHARLES T. GREGG

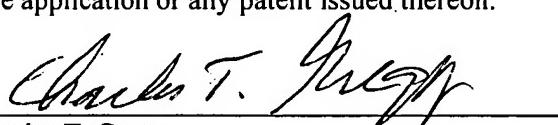
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Dear Sir:

The undersigned, Charles T. Gregg, hereby states:

1. That I am a co-inventor of U.S. Non-provisional Application No. 10/646,968, entitled "Spring-actuated, retractable-bladed surgical scalpel" filed August 22, 2003 by Mark L. Iske, Timothy C. Thompson and Charles T. Gregg.
2. That I was born on July 27, 1927 in Billings, Montana.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. 1001 and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.



Charles T. Gregg
Dated this 29th day of April, 2004